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California's Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 12,500

NOTE TO EDITORS: *This release incorporates revised historical labor force numbers and industry employment data. Each year our labor force and employment data are updated to reflect additional data inputs and estimation techniques. These data are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on the same methodology used by all states.*

SACRAMENTO – California nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 12,500 in January, with 5 of 11 industry sectors showing gains, according to data released today by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) from two separate surveys. The unemployment rate was 12.4 percent, following an annual revision of monthly employment estimates.

The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in January to 9.0 percent.

In December, the state's unemployment rate was 12.5 percent, and in January 2010, the unemployment rate was 12.3 percent. The unemployment rate is derived from a federal survey of 5,500 California households.

Nonfarm jobs in California totaled 13,971,200 in January, an increase of 12,500 over the month, according to a survey of businesses that is larger and less variable statistically. The survey of 42,000 California businesses measures jobs in the economy. The year-over-year change (January 2010 to January 2011) shows an increase of 102,100 jobs (up 0.7 percent).

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA

The federal survey of households, done with a smaller sample than the survey of employers, shows an increase in the number of employed people. It estimates the number of Californians holding jobs in January was 15,905,000, an increase of 27,000 from December, but down 32,000 from the employment total in January of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 2,248,000 – down by 25,000 over the month, but up by 8,000 compared with January of last year.

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PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 13,971,200 in January, a net gain of 12,500 jobs since the December survey. This followed a gain of 21,700 jobs (as revised) in December.

Five categories (mining and logging; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; and government) added jobs over the month, gaining 41,800 jobs. Trade, transportation and utilities posted the largest increase over the month, adding 19,200 jobs. Six categories (information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; and other services) reported job declines this month, down 29,300 jobs. Information posted the largest decline over the month, down by 9,600 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (January 2010 to January 2011), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 102,100 jobs (up 0.7 percent).

Seven industry divisions (mining and logging; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; professional and business services; educational and health services; and leisure and hospitality) posted job gains over the year, adding 175,100 jobs. Professional and business services posted the largest gain on a numerical basis, up by 60,400 jobs (up 3.0 percent). Mining and logging posted the largest gain on a percentage basis, up by 4.2 percent (an increase of 1,100 jobs).

Four categories (construction; financial activities; other services; and government) posted job declines over the year, down 73,000 jobs. Government posted the largest decline on both a numerical and percentage basis, down by 49,700 jobs (a decrease of 2.0 percent).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 603,946 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the January survey week. This compares with 599,221 last month and 717,070 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 63,331 in January 2011, compared with 87,289 in December and 92,738 in January of last year.

NOTE TO EDITORS: *EDD encourages those who are filing for Unemployment Insurance benefits to do so online through our Web site at www.edd.ca.gov. Online claim filing is the fastest, most convenient way to apply for benefits, and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	January 2011 (prelim.)	December 2010 (revised)	January 2010	Change Over 12 Months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers	13,971.2	13,958.7	13,869.1	0.7
Mining and logging	27.2	26.4	26.1	4.2
Construction	568.1	550.3	578.5	-1.8
Manufacturing	1,246.4	1,245.4	1,241.7	0.4
Trade, transportation and utilities	2,640.5	2,621.3	2,610.7	1.1
Information	432.9	442.5	424.5	2.0
Financial activities	756.6	761.7	762.3	-0.7
Professional and business services	2,099.1	2,106.0	2,038.7	3.0
Educational and health services	1,812.4	1,813.0	1,764.8	2.7
Leisure and hospitality	1,509.4	1,511.1	1,486.3	1.6
Other services	478.1	483.5	485.3	-1.5
Government*	2,400.5	2,397.5	2,450.2	-2.0
Agriculture	384.1	381.6	376.4	2.0

*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

TABLE A
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA²

	January 2011 (prelim.)	December 2010 (revised)	November 2010	January 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,153,000	18,151,000	18,148,000	18,177,000
Total civilian employment	15,905,000	15,878,000	15,878,000	15,937,000
Unemployment	2,248,000	2,273,000	2,270,000	2,240,000
Seasonally adjusted rate %	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.3
US seasonally adjusted rate % .	9.0	9.4	9.8	9.7

TABLE B
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA

	January 2011 (prelim.)	December 2010 (revised)	November 2010	January 2010
Civilian labor force ^a	18,110,000	18,098,000	18,148,000	18,136,000
Total civilian employment	15,813,000	15,871,000	15,881,000	15,788,000
Unemployment	2,297,000	2,227,000	2,268,000	2,349,000
Unadjusted rate %	12.7	12.3	12.5	13.0

^a Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

² Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method that removes typical employment patterns that occur at various times throughout the year (e.g., additional retail hiring during the holiday season).

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
January 2011 (Preliminary); 2010 BENCHMARK
 NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE*
STATE TOTAL	18,110,200	15,813,200	2,297,000	12.7%
ALAMEDA	746,900	664,600	82,200	11.0%
ALPINE	570	500	70	12.2%
AMADOR	17,120	14,690	2,430	14.2%
BUTTE	104,700	89,200	15,400	14.7%
CALAVERAS	19,580	16,340	3,240	16.5%
COLUSA	11,750	8,480	3,270	27.8%
CONTRA COSTA	518,200	460,000	58,200	11.2%
DEL NORTE	11,540	9,950	1,590	13.8%
EL DORADO	89,600	78,000	11,600	12.9%
FRESNO	435,600	356,200	79,500	18.2%
GLENN	12,630	10,260	2,370	18.8%
HUMBOLDT	60,600	53,200	7,500	12.3%
IMPERIAL	81,200	60,800	20,400	25.1%
INYO	9,570	8,580	990	10.4%
KERN	364,300	302,600	61,700	16.9%
KINGS	60,200	49,200	11,000	18.3%
LAKE	24,460	19,640	4,830	19.7%
LASSEN	13,590	11,440	2,150	15.8%
LOS ANGELES	4,914,900	4,270,700	644,300	13.1%
MADERA	66,600	55,500	11,100	16.6%
MARIN	130,000	119,300	10,700	8.2%
MARIPOSA	9,090	7,730	1,360	15.0%
MENDOCINO	42,080	36,900	5,180	12.3%
MERCED	106,500	83,900	22,600	21.2%
MODOC	4,060	3,380	680	16.8%
MONO	9,460	8,680	780	8.2%
MONTEREY	210,100	174,300	35,700	17.0%
NAPA	71,900	64,200	7,700	10.7%
NEVADA	50,910	45,070	5,840	11.5%
ORANGE	1,571,100	1,427,100	144,000	9.2%
PLACER	174,200	154,100	20,100	11.6%
PLUMAS	9,930	7,960	1,970	19.8%
RIVERSIDE	905,500	775,900	129,600	14.3%
SACRAMENTO	664,100	578,600	85,500	12.9%
SAN BENITO	26,900	21,300	5,500	20.6%
SAN BERNARDINO	849,900	730,400	119,600	14.1%
SAN DIEGO	1,556,300	1,395,300	161,000	10.3%
SAN FRANCISCO	453,300	410,100	43,100	9.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	296,400	241,600	54,800	18.5%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	134,800	121,000	13,800	10.3%
SAN MATEO	366,600	335,800	30,800	8.4%
SANTA BARBARA	216,100	194,400	21,800	10.1%
SANTA CLARA	871,000	779,500	91,600	10.5%
SANTA CRUZ	147,200	125,400	21,800	14.8%
SHASTA	83,500	69,500	14,000	16.8%
SIERRA	1,540	1,250	290	18.9%
SISKIYOU	19,050	15,040	4,010	21.0%
SOLANO	211,900	185,700	26,200	12.4%
SONOMA	253,100	226,600	26,500	10.5%
STANISLAUS	237,400	194,200	43,200	18.2%
SUTTER	41,900	32,900	9,000	21.5%
TEHAMA	25,100	20,980	4,120	16.4%
TRINITY	5,210	4,120	1,090	21.0%
TULARE	211,200	173,100	38,100	18.0%
TUOLUMNE	25,220	21,490	3,730	14.8%
VENTURA	426,900	380,400	46,600	10.9%
YOLO	99,100	83,900	15,200	15.3%
YUBA	27,800	22,100	5,600	20.3%

*Not seasonally adjusted.

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